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SUBJECT: CYPRUS WILL FOLLOW THE EU CROWD ON THE BAHAI IN
IRAN

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11. (U) On April 7, poloff delivered reftel message to Charalambos Hadjisavvas, who follows Middle Eastern issues in the MFA's office of bilateral affairs. Hadjisavvas agreed to investigate whether the EU planned to issue a statement and to pass the request for demarches to his director. He noted that Bahai leaders in Cyprus had recently approached the MFA about abuses in Iran, but explained that, as with most issues related to human rights in the Middle East, Cyprus would follow the EU's lead.
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